

For tabling at BFAC

#### COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER REPORT

May I firstly thank each and every one of you for taking the time to volunteer at your brigade. I would like also, to thank your families, partners and friends that support you while you care for your community. Thank you very much.

I would like to thank your executive team too whose hard work and diligence has helped pave the way for the next season. If you are not in the leadership group going forward, I thank you for your service. Those that are continuing in your executive positions I look forward to working with you this coming year.

Now for information that maybe of interest.

#### **Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) Operating Grant –**

DFES have agreed to \$230,000 and increase of \$25k on their original offer for next year's operating budget 2024/2025.

Security systems have now been installed at the Denbarker and Perillup fire sheds. With extra work carried out at the Denbarker shed to improve signal strength to the shed.

**GRANTS** – Western Power grants were opened and some of the brigades have submitted applications.

**TRAINING** – Since September the training courses completed are as follows.

- Plantation Firefighting
- Fire Control Officer
- Fire Extinguisher training.
- Burn over training and refresher.
- Fire fighting skills x 2.
- Bush fire fighting x 2.
- Ground Controller
- Off road Driving.

Future courses.

- Fire fighting skills in May and June.
- Bush fire fighting in May and June.
- Fire control officer TBC.

Another course can be scheduled as required.

#### **INCIDENTS**

When emailing incident reports to me at [6tnbase@gamil.com](mailto:6tnbase@gamil.com) please also send to DFES reports at

[reports@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:reports@dfes.wa.gov.au)

This will ensure that the reports are entered into the incident reporting system in a timely manner. Thank you to the Porongurup brigade, who are already doing this, this is working well.

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Some stats you may be interested in.

### Incidents: Year to Date Comparison: July 1 to March 7

Incident Type	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Average Excluding 2023/2024	% TREND this year
Called Off - No Attendance	2	1	2	0	2	1.3	60.00%
False Alarm - System Initiated	2	8	2	7	4	4.8	-15.79%
False Call - Good Intent	12	6	6	7	4	7.8	-48.39%
Fire - Bushfire (Ige)	6	3	3	5	11	4.3	158.82%
Fire - Bushfire (sml)	11	20	8	15	27	13.5	100.00%
Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	1	7	7	5	4	5.0	-20.00%
Fire - Structure	1	1	1	1	2	1.0	100.00%
General Service Calls	1	0	0	1	0	0.3	0.00%
Hazardous Situation	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0.00%
Natural Hazard	0	7	3	0	1	2.5	-60.00%
Rescue & Medical	5	3	3	2	2	3.3	-38.46%
Road Crash & Rescue	6	8	5	3	7	5.5	27.27%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34.69%</b>

% TREND compares this FY to the Average.

So far this year the incidents attended are up by 34.69%, to 64 incidents, on the previous four-year average of 49 incidents to the end of February 2024.

### Bushfires within the Shire of Plantagenet, with Ignition Cause

Bushfires are all vegetation fires (bush, grass, forest, crop etc...), of any size.

Ignition Cause	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Burn off fires	13	2	7	8	4
Campfires/bonfires/outdoor cooking	1	1	1	0	0
Equipment - Operational deficiency	0	0	0	1	1
Hot works (grinding, cutting, drilling etc..)	1	1	1	2	0
Human Error (Left on, knock over, unattended etc.)	0	0	1	0	1
Power lines	1	2	0	0	3
Reignition of previous fire	0	0	0	2	0
Sleeping/Alcohol/Drugs/Physical-Mental impairment	0	1	0	0	0
Suspicious/Deliberate	3	2	0	4	0
Undetermined	0	1	2	0	2
Unreported	9	9	3	10	20
Vehicles (incl. Farming Equipment/Activities)	1	2	2	3	3
Weather Conditions - Lightning	1	7	0	2	4
Weather Conditions (High winds, natural combustion etc. Excludes Lightning)	0	0	0	1	0
Yard maintenance, hand held equipment	0	0	0	1	0

### Hectares lost to Bushfires within the Shire of Plantagenet

Size of fires is not always available; fires less than 1 hectare are not included.

Hectares Lost	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
All Bushfires	73	72	337	162	39

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## **PPC/PPE –**

There is some still on back order and I am endeavouring to get it here as soon as possible. I now have a stock room where I can store left over gear.

When personal protective clothing and equipment has been issued this needs to be worn to all incidents that you attend. It is for your safety and last line of defence.

## **VEHICLES**

All Appliances have been serviced. Please continue to report all issues through to myself.

A high season appliance of a fast attack has been received this year from DFES and placed at Kendenup brigade. With one of the Kendenup 4.4 appliances being temporarily stored and used by the Narpyn Brigade. This will return to Kendenup once the high season fast attack has been recalled to duty further north for the Kimberly/Pilbara fire season.

Replacement Program requests completed for this year.

### **2023/2024**

An Isuzu 3.4 for Kendenup to replace their 3.4 Broadacre rego PL786- -approved. Yet to be delivered

An Isuzu 3.4 for Middle Ward to replace their 2.4 rural rego PL10751 - approved. Yet to be delivered

A Fast Attack Landcruiser for Porongurup to replace their fast attack rego 1EFN 819– approved. Yet to be delivered

### **2024/2025**

An Isuzu 4.4 Broadacre crew cab for Rocky Gully to Replace their 2.4 Broadacre rego RG34– approved.

### **2025/2026 to 2028/2029**

A 2.4 for Denbarker to replace their 2.4 Broadacre rego PL 11620

A Tatra 4.4 Broadacre Crew Cab for Kendenup to replace their 4.4-1 Broadacre rego 1DYK 614.

An Isuzu 2.4 for Narpyn single cab to replace their 2.4 Broadacre rego PL 11604

An Isuzu 2.4 for Narrikup single cab to replace their 2.4 Broadacre rego PL 11614

An Isuzu 2.4 for Narrikup single cab to replace their 2.4 Broadacre rego PL 11615

A Tatra 4.4 crew cab for Porongurup to replace their 4.4-1 Broadacre rego PL 11598

A Tatra 4.4 single cab for Woogenellup to replace their 4.4 Broadacre rego PL 11603

## **RADIOS**

Albany Communications have serviced all the radios and completed almost all of the service requests.

If anyone is having issues, please report it ASAP there is a quick on page form that I can supply to the captain if required, same goes if your radio is damaged or gets broken during the off season, please report so that a service request can be lodged to get it fixed.

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There is one outstanding service request currently for a handheld radio to be fixed/exchanged for a Porongurup Member.

## MEMBERS

Being introduced this coming season will be the annual skills refresher. This will be undertaken by your training officer (Mike can assist with this if necessary). This is to ensure that everyone is ready and familiar with the use of equipment but more importantly the safety features of the appliances.

Skills refresher sheet attached.

Please send the completed skills refresher sheets to Mike's email no later than 30 November each year to.

[cesm@sop.wa.gov.au](mailto:cesm@sop.wa.gov.au)

With the subject line '**surname – first name – skills refresher – year.**

Some stats you may be interested in.

Volunteer Summary for LGIS	Age Group						Total
	Age N/A	<=18	<=55	56-65	66-70	71+	
Junior or Cadet Rank	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Active Operational	38	2	229	84	22	46	421
Non-Operational	1	0	20	12	3	7	43
<b>Total</b>	39	4	249	96	25	53	466

## Volunteer Supported Assistance Program

If a volunteer is suffering an emotional crisis, then immediate attention is provided to keep them safe (call a family member or ambulance) and don't leave them alone. The Shire and DFES can provide general support, assistance and counselling for all volunteers and their families. This does not have to be brigade related. If you need help, then help is available.

Below are some numbers and services.

- PeopleSense @ 1300 307 912
- Access @ 1300 66 77 00
- DFES Chaplain @ Pager (08) 9485 78 00
- DFES Peer Support Program – 9395 9874
- LifeLine @ 13 11 14

Shire of Plantagenet Employee Assistance Program (EAP) (including volunteers) – LIFEWORKS

Who can use LifeWorks?

LifeWorks is available to you as an employee/volunteer of your organisation, as well as to your spouse/partner, and to your immediate family members/dependents.

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How do I connect with LifeWorks?

- By phone - **1300 361 008**
- Online: [login.lifeworks.com](http://login.lifeworks.com)
- By free mobile app for iOS or Android (Download the app by searching for "LifeWorks" in your device's app store).

1. Download the LifeWorks App from the Apple Store or GooglePlay, or go to [login.lifeworks.com](http://login.lifeworks.com)
2. Click on **Log in**.
3. Enter your username and password:

**CONNECT WITH LIFEWORKS TODAY FOR FREE CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT**

**Australia: 1300 361 008**

Please remember that it is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL to access this and there is NO REFERRAL needed, they can simply ring or access themselves.

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<b>ANNUAL SKILLS REFRESHER</b>				<b>2024</b>	
Brigade	Name	Volunteer Number	DL Class	First Aid	
<b>✓ = Competent                      MT - More training required</b>					
SAFETY					
Date of safety refresher			Approved Trainer		
MT	✓		MT	✓	
		PPE			L.A.C.E.S.
		RED FLAG WARNING			T CARDS
		DEAD MAN ZONE			BURN OVER DRILL
		1 FOOT IN THE BLACK			
RADIO					
Date of safety refresher			Approved Trainer		
MT	✓		MT	✓	
		CHANGE CHANNEL VEHICLE			CHANGE CHANNEL HH
		OBTAIN GPS FIGURES			PROTOCOL
		EMERGENCY MESSAGE			
APPLIANCE					
Date of safety refresher			Approved Trainer		
MT	✓		MT	✓	
		OPEATE PUMP			LAYFLAT AND BRANCH
		OPERATE BRANCH			HAND SIGNALS
		OPERATE MONITOR			DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES
MAPPING					
Date of safety refresher			Approved Trainer		
MT	✓		MT	✓	
		ESD MAP			CO-ORDINATES